

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant respectfully requests that this response be entered as it places all the claims in condition where they are patentable and/or it reduces or simplifies issues that may be appealed.

Claims 1-18 remain in this application. Claims 7-11 and 15 have been allowed, and the Office Action acknowledged that claims 3-6 and 13-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 12 and 16 were amended herein.

Claim 3 was previously rewritten in independent form and is in form for allowance, as are claims 4-6 by virtue of their dependence on claim 3.

Claim 13 was rewritten herein in independent form and is now in form for allowance, as is claim 14 by virtue of its dependence on claim 3.

Claims 1, 2, 12, and 16-18 were rejected as being unpatentable over Hollenbeck et al. (US6930304, "Hollenbeck") in view of Miyamoto (US5864588). In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 12, and 16 to recite "a memory unit" and "wherein the memory unit is accessed while the suspending means is suspending the demodulation".

The amendments made to claims 1, 12, and 16 cause the claims to be more closely tied to one of the problems solved by the claimed invention, namely the possibility of noise imposed on a received signal when a memory unit is accessed. In contrast, Miyamoto is directed to preventing problems related to receipt of a noisy signal.

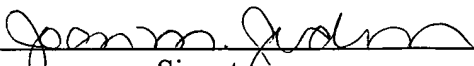
After such amendments, the claims are patentable over the cited references at least because they include recitations that are not taught, suggested, or motivated by the cited references. More particularly, the cited references do not teach, suggest, or motivate accessing a memory unit while the suspending means is suspending demodulation.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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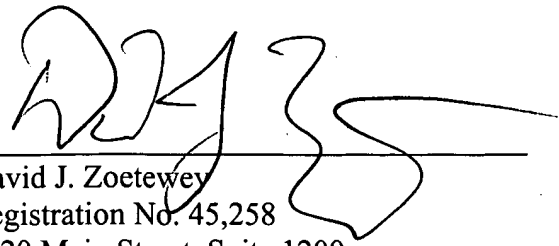
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